

Ag Drought Resiliency Projects Application

Drought and limited water supplies are impacting agricultural operations throughout Colorado. This program serves to address several gaps in funding and support for incubator projects on farms and ranches that can improve agriculture's resilience to drought. We will provide a quick source of funding for projects for the 2023 season. In 2022, we will work with agricultural producers to develop project ideas and in December we will select the projects to fund. This program will also focus on projects that are more innovative to adapt to long term reductions in water supplies.

In all projects, we want to monitor and recover water use data from the participant's property. These projects will serve as a "proof of concept" as to whether certain strategies are effective and scalable. We also encourage projects to include data related to economics. How cost effective are these strategies that we are studying compared to the rest of the operation?

While there is a December 1st deadline for the application, we strongly encourage applicants to reach out so we can help develop competitive projects.

In terms of eligible entities, this grant opportunity is ideal for individual agricultural producers and special districts that want to implement projects on agricultural land in their area.

Name of Applicant:

Mailing Address

Email

Phone Number

Which county will your project take place in?

What water related issues have been impacting your farm or ranch the past few years?

Describe your project (what do you want funding to do, and why?):

How much funding are you requesting for your project?

Include a project budget with your application in a separate document. All applications need a detailed budget demonstrating how the money will be spent.

_____ If awarded, I understand and agree to provide the following information to the Colorado Ag Water Alliance: W-9. Additionally, we reserve the right to check on business standing with the Secretary of State's office before extending an award (please initial).

_____ If awarded funds, do you agree to cooperate with the Colorado Ag Water Alliance, by providing information upon request to help evaluate the success of the project? (please initial)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Complete application and supporting documents (budget) should be sent by email to:

coagwater@gmail.com

Applications will be graded on the following criteria:

- Impact - Does the application provide a clear and well-described plan for addressing drought resilience? What is the potential impact and can the impact be measured/verified?
- Innovation - Is the proposed activity an innovative approach to water use and drought resilience or innovative for the proposed geography?
- Feasibility - Can the project be implemented in 2023 and does the application have the expertise and capacity to ensure the project is implemented well?
- Scalability - Is there potential for the idea to be scaled up and/or replicated in other locations?
- Budget - Is there a budget and is it realistic?

If you have any questions about the application or your project you may contact the following:

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